



Tempe Public Art



Ramona Sakiestewa

Agua Corriente, 2007

Carpet

Location:

Tempe Center for the Arts
700 W. Rio Salado Parkway

Artist Website:

www.RamonaSakiestewa.com

Photo: Craig Smith

Description: The carpet design for *Agua Corriente* is based on a watercolor that was scaled up to fit the large space. The movement and dynamism of the colors visually flow from the lobby to the outside infinity pool and on to the Rio Salado body of water. The patterns in the carpet are meant to ebb and flow around the architectural volumes of the interior spaces. Much of the artist's visual vocabulary is based in color, relationships of color and the layering of color, in both works on paper and tapestry. Sakiestewa has also designed large-scale works for architects to include other media such as metal, glass and stone.

Artist biography: Ramona Sakiestewa was born of Hopi ancestry and raised in the American Southwest. She taught herself to weave by evolving and adapting techniques derived from prehistoric pueblo weaving. Her work appears in the collections of a dozen museums including the Smithsonian Institution. She has woven the work of other contemporary artists including Frank Lloyd Wright and Kenneth Noland. She was a founding member and a former director of Atlatl, a national Native American arts organization headquartered in Phoenix. She served as a Design Consultant to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian architecture team. In 2006, Sakiestewa was awarded the New Mexico Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and was inducted into the New Mexico Women's Hall of Fame.

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